



NATIVE NATIONS INSTITUTE  
FOR LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, AND POLICY

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and The University of Arizona

## **The Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation and the Native Nations Institute Native Nation Building Fellowship**

The Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation (Udall Foundation) and the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy (NNI) at the University of Arizona offers a paid twelve-month professional work experience fellowship in Tucson, Arizona, for Native American and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about and build their skill set for Native Nation Building in Indian Country. The Udall Foundation's and NNI's goal is to build Native Nation Building skills in Indian Country, one person at a time, to enable the fellow to directly assist his/her own or other Native nations.

The fellows will gain a broad understanding of NNI programs, Nation Building and tribal self-governance. Based on the applicant's experience and career plans, he/she will be matched with the program opportunity that best suits their goals to develop a specialization in one of the following areas:

- Nation Building research with the possibility of becoming a junior faculty member at NNI's Nation Building executive education seminars;
- Production and delivery of NNI's distance-learning curriculum on Native Nation Building
- Facilitation of the Governance Analysis for Native Nations (GANN) instrument at a community level;
- Production and delivery of youth programs on governance and entrepreneurship;
- Research on why some tribes have developed differently than others.

### **Eligibility**

NNI awards one fellowship annually on the basis of merit. The program is open to Native Americans and Alaska Natives\* who:

- Have graduated within the past 2 years from a four-year college or completed graduate or law degrees within the past 2 years;
- Have a demonstrated interest in fields related to tribal public policy, such as tribal governance, tribal law, Native American education, Native American health, Native American justice, natural resource protection, and Native American economic development.

### **Application Process**

- Submit a completed fellowship application.
- Submit two completed fellowship Recommendation Forms; one from a faculty member in the applicant's college/ university and one from a member of the applicant's nation or tribal council.
- Provide proof of tribal enrollment.
- Submit a copy of the most recent academic transcript.

- Submit a personal statement (maximum 800 words) that includes: motivation to pursue a career related to work within Indian Country; statement of career and professional goals, both immediate and long-term; and any unusual circumstances that have impacted your professional development and/or achievement of career goals.
- Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2010.
- Notification of the fellowship for 2010/2011 will be made by April 30, 2010.
- Anticipated fellowship start date is July 1, 2010.

## **Selection Process**

Choice of the 2010/2011 fellow will be made by a committee of NNI staff members. A telephone and/or in-person interview will be required. Please be sure to include current contact information including email address and telephone number.

## **Expectations**

The fellow will be expected to work 40 hours per week. On occasion, some of these hours will be offsite but at NNI sponsored or authorized events. This position is security sensitive based on the job duties and requires a fingerprint criminal background check.

## **Value**

The fellow will receive an annual stipend of \$32,000, to be paid out in monthly increments. Fellows must finance their own travel to Tucson, living arrangements, and expenses.

## **Further Information**

Contact: Carrie Stusse, NNI Operations Manager, [cms1@email.arizona.edu](mailto:cms1@email.arizona.edu), (520) 626-9689. Completed applications, which include all supplemental forms can be submitted to Ms. Stusse via email, fax: (520) 626-3664, or by mail:

Native Nations Institute  
Carrie Stusse  
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Tucson, AZ 85719

\*For the purposes of the fellowship, a Native American or Alaska Native is any individual who is:

- A member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the tribe or band, including any tribe or band terminated since 1940 and any tribe recognized by the state in which the tribe or band resides;
- A descendent in first or second degree of a member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the tribe or band, who can demonstrate affiliation with the tribal community according to the criteria set by the Udall Foundation and NNI;
- Considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be Indian for any purpose;
- An Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native;
- A permanent U.S. resident who is a member of the First Nations of Canada.

*\*\*Please note that if selected for work with the youth programs, a background check will be required for the fellowship.*